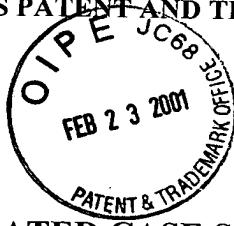


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirotoshi ISHIDA et al.
 SERIAL NO: 09/581,180
 FILED: August 8, 2000
 FOR: GRANULAR SWEETENER

GAU: 1761
 EXAMINER:



7
02-28-01
JW

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
 MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Norman F. Oblon
 Registration No. 24,618

Frederick D. Vastine
 Registration No. 27,013

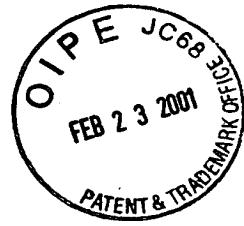


22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
 Fax. (703) 413-2220
 (OSMMN 10/98)

RECEIVED
 FEB 23 2001
 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700

LIST OF RELATED CASES



<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Status or Patentee</u>
197755US0 CONT	09/707,953	11/08/00	PENDING
197757US0 CONT	09/707,954	11/08/00	PENDING
197759US0 CONT	09/708,006	11/08/00	PENDING
197752US0 CONT	09/708,007	11/08/00	PENDING
192697US0 PCT*	09/581,180	08/08/00	PENDING

RECEIVED
FEB 26 2001

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700

*Present application; listed for information.